

Date of Meeting: May 2, 2023

R-4 Revised

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD MEMBER INITIATIVE**

SUBJECT: Proclamation to Recognize May 2023 as Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month in Loudoun County

2011 ELECTION DISTRICT(S): Countywide

2022 ELECTION DISTRICT(S): Countywide

CRITICAL ACTION DATE: May 2, 2023

STAFF CONTACT(S): Kent Erwin, Chief of Staff to Supervisor Sylvia Glass
Matt Rogers, Chief of Staff to Chair Phyllis Randall

PURPOSE: To proclaim May 2023 as Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month in Loudoun County.

RECOMMENDATION: Chair Randall and Supervisor Glass recommend approval of this Proclamation.

BACKGROUND: Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month is an annual celebration to recognize the contributions and influence of members of the AANHPI community to the history and culture of the United States. This proclamation is intended to officially recognize the celebration in Loudoun County.

DRAFT MOTION:

1. I move that the Board of Supervisors approve the Proclamation recognizing May 2023 as Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month in Loudoun County, provided as Attachment 1 to the May 2, 2023, Board of Supervisors Business Meeting Revised Action Item.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Proclamation to recognize May 2023 as Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month in Loudoun County.

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS** the AANHPI community is a diverse population of over 45 ethnicities and over 100 languages and dialects with millions of Americans representing several nations, who have contributed to our society in various aspects including health care, technology, business, education, government, arts, science, military, and community service; and
- WHEREAS** within the Loudoun County community, the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) population has grown from 9,172 (5.4%) in 2000 to currently 99,363 living in Loudoun, constituting 23.59% of Loudoun's population; and
- WHEREAS** Asian Americans, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islanders have a long and storied record of contributing to the culture, development, and history of Loudoun County, including Harris Mahedavi, who in 2019 was the first Asian American elected to serve on the Loudoun County School Board, representing the Ashburn District; and Devina Mahapatra, founder of the Dulles South Soup Kitchen which provides tens of thousands of warm meals for Loudoun County residents; and
- WHEREAS** Loudoun County has a sister city partnership with New Taipei, Taiwan; and Gangneung and Goyang Cities in South Korea, to foster mutually beneficial cooperation and exchanges in key areas of business, culture, history, and education.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim May 2023 as

Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month

in Loudoun County and recognizes the contributions of the AANHPI community.

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